"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

One of the really exciting things happening at the Southern Piedmont Research Center, Blackstone, is with winter legumes.

Two hard summers are causing some producers to look toward another season for hay and silage production. Winter annual legumes may be the answer. Of the several tested Austrian winter peas look the best. They are relatively high yielding and do not have the problem of hard seeds that's associated with Hairy Vetch.

The first planting of Austrian winter peas was November 7, 1975. They were harvested June 1, 1976 and produced 2.5 tones of dry matter of 19.3% protein per acre. This high yield was obtained although it was late planted and heavily grazed by deer in January and February.

Austrian winter peas seeded with Surry Barley on October 15, 1976 and harvested in 1977 had yields from 3 to 5 tons of dry matter per acre.

We don't want everyone to plant peas and barley this fall, but we do need to give this crop a fair try.

Another value from winter legumes - if seeded in August, left until the second week in May and turned under or no-tilled, there should be 100 pounds of nitrogen. About 80% of the nitrogen is in the top growth.

Seeded with barley - use 1½ bushels barley and 40 pounds of peas. If peas are planted alone, use 60 pounds per acre. **Don't** use rye with peas; it's too competitive and too early.

If peas and barley are taken off as silage or hay, it appears that the soft-dough stage of the barley would be about right.

By fall hopefully there will be some firm recommendations on this crop.

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Gases from liquid manure systems pose a safety problem. Recently a 16-year-old farm worker died from inhalation of toxic gases from a liquid manure system.

At this point, there are only a few of these systems in Appomattox County - more will be built.

Here's how to reduce risk to farm workers from toxic gas exposure. Use maximum ventilation in the structure during periods when the manure is being agitated. Remove all livestock from the building before agitation begins. If workers must enter the building or tank during agitation or pumping periods, self contained or supplied air breathing equipment should be used. Workers entering closed areas containing liquid manure should also wear a safety harness and should be observed by someone outside the storage area.

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The Dairy Coops are putting emphasis on the use of stand-by generators and with good cause. If you operate a dairy or swine operation, generators are a must. Better plan for at least a 3500 KW. They should be operated every 4 to 6 weeks just to be sure they will be operative. Stand-by generators must be maintained like any other piece of mechanized equipment.

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Smoke detectors should be tested at least once a yar for weak batteries. Use a vacuum cleaner to remove dust from the interior of detectors.

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Commercial trusses usually have better quality control than do farm built units. Some truss failures this winter have been traced to the use of under-sized timber and failure to follow design instructions. There aren't any "safe" short-cuts.

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When buying a tractor, get one with ROPS. When the OSHA exemption is lifted for farms having 10 or fewer employees, the owner will probably have to retro-fit newer tractors. It could be cheaper and certainly safer to do it now.

BROWNE SCOUTS FROM CONCORD are shown making their own pizza when they visited the PIZZA HUT here in Appomattox on Wednesday of last week.

TOURING THE PIZZA HUT IN APPOMATTOX Wednesday of last week were Brownie Scouts from Concord. They enjoyed sampling the pizza after they helped make them.

Concord Brownies Visit Pizza Hut

On Wednesday, April 5, the Concord Brownie Troop #741 invited last year's "Fly-Up" Brownies to join them at the PIZZA HUT in Appomattox to make their own pizzas and have a pizza feast.

Their Pizza Hut venture was a celebration of a successful girl scout cookie sale profit under the able leadership of cookie chairman, Mrs. Patricia Inge.

Brownies have explored the world of adventure and service to the community under the leadership of Mrs. Sarah Henderson and Mrs. Norma Henderson and Mrs. Linda Henry, co-leaders.

The following girls belong to Brownie Troop #741: Donia Henderson, Kimberly Henderson, Melikssa Henry, Teresa Henry, Dana Grubs, Angela Dowdy, Tina Fields, Emily Casper, Wendy Dinkins, Cynthia McKinney, Donna Stockton, Amy Hampton, Lisa French, Roxanne Franklin, Debbie Hash, Vicki Inge, Stockton, Karen Riddlebarger, Alisa ³clvor, Sharon Tune, Shirley Payne, Renita Canada, Sandra Krantz, Tawanda Cheatham and Amanda Mills. Last year's "Fly-Up" Brownies include Vicki Crews, Mary Garland, Mary Goff, Beth Goodwin, Christi Graf, Wendy Mawyer, Crysti Booth and Stephanie Goin.

Self Defense Class For Women To Be Held In Rustburg

The Con-Terra Woman's Club and the Rustburg Woman's Club will sponsor a class on Self Defense for Women on April 13th at 7:30 p.m.

Sgt. Toni Purvis from Citizen's Services of the Lynchburg Police Department will conduct the talk and show films.

The class, open to the public, will be held in the Haber Building lower level, directly behind the Rustburg Court House.

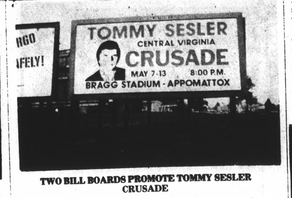
COMPLETES RECRUIT TRAINING AT NAVAL TRAINING CENTER

APRIL 3- Navy Seaman Kenneth A. Robinson, son of Mrs. Kathleen B. Robinson of Route 1, Concord, Va., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Included in their studies were seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in January 1978.



TWO BILL BOARDS PROMOTE TOMMY SESLER CRUSADE

Sign in picture above was put up this past week on Route 24 just outside town limits of Appomattox and another on Route 460 West near Big Horn Market in Concord.

A steering committee and publicity committee will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church.

Area Plan For Aging Services Review

The Central Virginia Commission on Aging will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 1978-79 Area Plan for Aging Services on Tuesday, April 19, 1978. The Hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Euclid Christian Church, across from E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, Va. Central Virginia includes the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell and cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

The hearing will allow the public the opportunity to make comments or ask questions about the proposed activities of the Commission on Aging for the period October 1, 1978 to September 30, 1979. All individuals and organizations concerned with the role of older adults in the community should plan to attend.

A summary of the proposed Area Plan is printed in the spring issue of Senior Sum-up, the Commission newsletter. Additional copies may be obtained from the Commission office, Forest Hill Center, 2820 Linkhorne Drive, Lynchburg, Va. 24503. Mr. Wallace Clair, Executive Director of the Commission, may be contacted for further information about the Public Hearing. Phone 384-0372.

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JUNIOR FHA OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE OF YEAR.

Junior FHA Held Parent/Member Banquet

The Appomattox Junior Chapter Future Homemakers of America held its annual Spring "Parent/Member" Banquet on April 6.

Guest speaker at the banquet was Mary Dyess, Secretary, Virginia Association Future Homemakers of America and Appomattox Senior Chapter FHA President. Mary presented greetings from the State Association.

Arylece Ferguson was awarded "Most Outstanding Member" of the year. She was chosen by her fellow club members for this honor. Arylece is the daughter of Mrs. Joyce Ferguson. She is serving as President of the Junior Chapter FHA.

The FHA Week committee was chosen as the "Outstanding Committee" of the year. The chairman of the committee was Lynn Gordon; and committee members were Jane Guill, Robin Bollinger, Mary Hudson, Arylece Ferguson, Cathy Ragland, Denise Jackson, Jackie Evans, Jill Franklin, Janis Richardson, Debbie McCoy, Leigh Duncan, and Wendy Gagneur.

The banquet was a success and was enjoyed by all.

Va. Fibre Reports Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending April 3, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	5,077.80
Amelia	2,549.06
Amherst	3,940.56
Appomattox	8,761.91
Augusta	—
Bedford County	2,000.50
Buckingham	12,230.55
Prince William	881.52
Rockbridge	592.48
Campbell	8,447.07
Charlotte	3,245.37
Cumberland	4,439.67
Goochland	3,017.35
Halifax	1,440.86
Nelson	16,771.79
New Kent	—
Pittsylvania	299.09
Prince Edward	7,866.94
Total	**81,562.50**

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

Mental Health Chairpersons Named

Mrs. Anne Philips of Evergreen; Mrs. Sadie Pankey of Gladstone; Mrs. Harry G. Lawson of Appomattox; Mrs. David Coffman of Spout Spring; and Mrs. E. T. Price of Taylors Valley were named Mental Health Chairperson for the May, 1978 campaign, announced Isabel G. Brenner, President of the Mental Health Association of Virginia.

As Chairpersons they will recruit volunteers who will go house-to-house during May.

The Mental Health Association is a citizens' volunteer organization, with members working to inform the public about mental illness and mental health and working to assure the adquate provision of mental health services in communities across the State.

As citizen advocates, the Associaiton is working for a greater emphasis on children in state mental health programs.

The Mental Health Association believes that education is a key factor in preventing mental health programs, and offers free literature to the public on alcoholism, children's mental health, sexuality, depression and other mental health topics. For information, write to the Mental Health Association of Virginia, 1806 Chantilly Street, Suite 203, Richmond, Va. 23230.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK OBSERVED AT AES

Appomattox Elementary School observed National Library Week, the week of April 3rd through the 7th. The pupils in Mrs. Christine Knight's room dressed as a character in one of their library books, as part of their class and library work. Each pupil chose one of their favorite characters, wrote a character sketch and drew a picture of the character. Mrs. Knight dressed as ah old fashioned one room school teacher from the book "Christy."

Pupils who participated were Betsy Wingfield, Jeannice Bartelt, Sherry Wilcox, Emily Shea, Lisa Williamson, Susan Booker, Douglas Mobry, Lisa Harrison, Chrissy Gaynor, Jeff Williams, Russel Walton, Ada Hunter, Sheila Mullins, Townley Smoak, Pam Scruggs, Janet Smith, Billy Carter, Stefanie Martin, Cheryl Austin and Mrs. Knight.

Pupils not in photo who participated were Alex Almond, Brett Marston and Danny Notestein.

DANIEL SAYS RETENTION OF LYNCHBURG WEATHER STATION ESSENTIAL

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without on-site reports. "No one can guarantee that any area will be safe", Daniel said, "but it is awfully risky to remove such service from an area as unpredictable as Lynchburg. One major accident would erase any savings that might result."

The Congressman also questioned why one government agency, the Environmental Protection Agency, would place requirements on the State Air Pollution Control Board to provide weather-based information, "while another Federal agency proposes to withdraw the means by which the state agency is now meeting its responsibility to EPA". In support of this, he submitted to the Subcommittee a statement prepared by William B. Meyer, Executive Director.

Daniel told the Subcommittee that he is "not accustomed to opposing budget cuts, as I am convinced that Federal expenditures need to be substantially trimmed, but, when we cut, it should be realistically done". He said that at a time when the nation is concerned about putting people to work, the total effect of this proposal would be to adversely affect the economy of an area which has been showing substantial growth.

OAKVILLE

Ethel Gardner and Bunnelle Beasley visited last week, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore, Mr. and Mrs. James Phelps and Mrs. Maude Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Tylon Bollinger, Mrs. Stella Moore, Mrs. Maggie Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. David Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Covington and James were dinner guest Sunday with Ethel Gardner.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Rucker of Richmond last week were Mrs. Overton Moore, Mrs. C. T. Moser, Mrs. M. W. Drinkard and Mrs. M. A. Hunter. We are happy to report he is better.

Mrs. Dora Coleman of this vicinity is improving and expects to return home Wednesday.

Mr. Bob Martin and Mr. Jutson Morris reported a good "fish catch" from Buggs island last week.

W.M.W. of Mt. Comfort held it regular meeting with good attendance on April 7 and with a good program also.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore Sunday were Mrs. Clark Moore, Mrs. A. M. Johnson and Mrs. Annie W. Martin.

VA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - I have a service-connected disability and was discharged prior to WWII. Does service during this period qualify me for an automobile grant?

A - A recent change in law made the automobile grant available to veterans who are entitled to VA compensation for loss of use of hands or feet, or who are blind, regardless of period of service.

Q - As an honorably discharged veteran I am eligible to be buried in a national cemetery. If my wife precedes me in death, may she be buried in a national cemetery?

A - Yes. The superintendent of the national cemetery will require you to complete a statement of your intention to be buried there. With this statement, the interment of your spouse will be authorized.

Q - What is the present educational assistance rate for a veteran with a wife and two chidlren when the veteran is a full-time student in a vocational rehabilitaiton program?

A - The veteran would receive $377 per month.

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